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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 7826

BILL NUMBER: SB 493

NOTE PREPARED: Feb 14, 2005

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Geographic Information Systems.

FIRST AUTHOR: Sen. Ford

FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: 2nd Reading - 1st House

FUNDS AFFECTED: X GENERAL
X DEDICATED
FEDERAL

IMPACT: State

Summary of Legislation: The bill establishes the Office of Geographic Information as part of the State Library to provide for the development and implementation of a geographic information system (GIS).

The bill also establishes the Geographic Information System Council to oversee the Office and provide policy support and strategic direction to the Office.

It also establishes the GIS Development and Maintenance Fund. The bill appropriates any money in the fund.

Effective Date: July 1, 2005.

Explanation of State Expenditures: *Geographic Information System Council:* The 13-member Council established under the bill would oversee the Office of Geographic Information and administer the GIS Development and Maintenance Fund (both created under the bill); provide policy support to the Office; and serve as the state names authority. Members of the Council who are not state employees would be entitled to a per diem, which is currently \$50 per day, and both state and nonstate employees would be entitled to reimbursement of travel and other expenses. The Council meets at the call of the chair. The expenses of the Council will be paid from the GIS Development and Maintenance Fund, which is created under this bill.

Office of Geographic Information: The bill establishes the Office of Geographic Information with the executive director of the Office appointed by the Governor. The Executive Director would be chief executive officer of both the Office and the Indiana Geographic Information System Council. The Office would maintain information on GIS systems and grants, provide high-level advice and assistance to state and local government,

advise on data sensitivity issues, publish a statewide GIS plan, and represent Indiana's interests with federal agencies. Additionally, the Office would coordinate efforts among state universities.

The funds and resources required for the Office could be supplied through a variety of sources, including the following: (1) existing staff and resources not currently being used to capacity; (2) existing staff and resources currently being used in another program; (3) authorized, but vacant, staff positions, including those positions that would need to be reclassified; (4) funds that, otherwise, would be reverted; or (5) new appropriations. Ultimately, the source of funds and resources required to satisfy the requirements of this bill will depend upon legislative and administrative actions.

GIS Development and Maintenance Fund: The Fund would be used to provide GIS grants and to pay the expenses of the Office and Council. The funding source would be appropriations by the General Assembly and gifts or grants received. The Fund would not revert to the state General Fund at the end of the fiscal year.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

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State Agencies Affected:

Local Agencies Affected:

Information Sources:

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